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1. ACCORDING TO EC COUNCIL AND PERMREP SOURCES,
FOLLOWING IS THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 4 EC FOREIGN
MINISTERS COUNCIL:

(A) PREPARATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL:

THE MINISTERS ARE TO DECIDE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 7-

8 EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING IN COPENHAGEN. FIVE TOPICS ARE LIKELY TO BE APPROVED: THE WORLD AND COMMUNITY ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATIONS; TRADE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN; DECISION ON A NEW DATE FOR EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DIRECT ELECTIONS; THE PROPOSED EUROPEAN FOUNDATION (REF A); AND POLITICAL COOPERATION (AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND EAST-WEST ISSUES).

(B) TRADE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN:

IN PREPARATION FOR EUROPEAN COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF TRADE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN, THE MINISTERS WILL REVIEW THE OUTCOME OF THE MARCH 22-24 HAFERKAMP-USHIBA NEGOTIATIONS IN TOKYO (REFS B, C, D AND E).

(C) HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS IN ECE:

IN PREPARATION FOR THE 33RD ECE PLENARY, THE MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO DECIDE COMMON EC POSITIONS ON PROPOSED ECE HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS.

(D) MTN:

THE COMMISSION IS TO REPORT ON THE CURRENT STATE OF THE MTN.

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(E) STEEL NEGOTIATIONS:

THE COUNCIL IS TO CONSIDER THE EC/JAPAN STEEL ARRANGEMENT (REF F). THE COMMISSION MAY ALSO REPORT ON OTHER CURRENT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON STEEL (REF G).

(F) RENEGOTIATION OF US-EURATOM AGREEMENT:

THE MINISTERS ARE TO CONSIDER THE U.S. REQUEST FOR RENEGOTIATION OF THE US-EURATOM AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ACT OF 1978 (REF I).

(G) EC/CYPRUS RELATIONS:

THE COUNCIL IS TO TRY TO RESOLVE THE CURRENT IMPASSE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW EC/CYPRUS TRADE AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS (REF H).

(H) POLITICAL COOPERATION:

THE MINISTERS ARE TO DISCUSS THE EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR A NEW EC STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST (REFS J AND K).

(I) EC ADHERENCE TO EXPORT CREDIT ARRANGEMENT:

FORMAL COUNCIL APPROVAL OF EC ADHERENCE TO THE EXPORT CREDIT ARRANGEMENT (REF L) IS EXPECTED AS AN A-POINT (WITHOUT DEBATE).

(J) STAFF SALARIES:

THE COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO APPROVE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES FOR COMMUNITY EMPLOYEES.

2. EC/GREECE ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS:

THE SIXTH MINISTERIAL SESSION OF EC/GREECE ACCESSION

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NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE HELD THE EVENING OF APRIL 3.

3. JOINT MEETING WITH FINANCE MINISTERS:

THE FOREIGN AND FINANCE MINISTERS WILL HAVE A JOINT MEETING THE MORNING OF APRIL 3 TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY BUDGETARY PRIORITIES IN ADVANCE OF THE COMMISSION'S DRAWING UP THE DRAFT 1979 BUDGET. MORRIS

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